

Utah Office of Energy Development



Official Responses to Questions

ISSUE DATE: June 20, 2012

EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE: 2:00 PM MDT, Friday, August 10, 2012

FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$1,500,000

LOAN AMOUNT: Maximum – \$750,000

LOAN TERM: Minimum – 2 years
Maximum – 5 years

REVISED INTEREST RATE: 2%

NOTE: The application deadline for the period that opened on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, has been extended to 2:00 PM MDT, Friday, August 10, 2012, because of the additional time required to issue the U-Save Program Guidebooks Volume 1 and Volume 2. Additionally, the interest rate has been revised from 3% to 2%.

1. Will the application deadline be extended beyond June 29, 2012?

Yes, the application period is extended to 2:00 PM MDT, Friday, August 10, 2012 to allow OED additional time to issue the U-Save Program Guidebooks Volume 1 and Volume 2.

2. Will energy audits performed by utility companies be accepted in lieu of energy analyses performed by Utah licensed Professional Engineers?

Yes, utility audits from a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission of Utah are acceptable in lieu of energy analyses performed by Utah licensed Professional Engineers because the audit methods established by the utilities as part of their demand side management (DSM) and incentive programs have been thoroughly vetted by Professional Engineers.

3. Will energy incentives offered by utility companies be accepted?

Yes, energy incentives offered by utility companies will be accepted and can be used to reduce the principal amount of the loan helping to achieve the 5-year payback requirement.

4. Will loans be made for energy efficient street lighting projects?

Yes, loans can be made to fund energy efficient street lighting projects provided that they meet the program's energy efficiency requirements and reduce energy usage by 20%.

5. Will you consider making loans for projects other than buildings?

The current program guidelines center on energy efficiency and renewable energy for publicly owned buildings. Allowance has also been made to include energy efficient street lighting projects. If a project has been conceived that will result in a 20% energy reduction, and the project is not a publicly owned building or street lighting, then OED will consult with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to determine whether or not the project will meet program requirements. If the project is determined to be eligible, then OED will consider it for funding.

6. Will loans be made for energy efficient street lighting projects?

Yes, loans can be made to fund energy efficient street lighting projects provided that they meet the energy efficiency program requirements and reduce energy usage by 20%.

7. Can loans be made for new construction including building additions?

No, when applied to buildings, U-Save funds are for existing building energy retrofits only. New construction buildings are ineligible. Likewise, buildings that are being renovated with new construction additions are ineligible.

8. Will loans be made to fund renewable energy projects?

Renewable energy projects are encouraged when related to existing building retrofits. They may also be considered, if approved by the DOE, when they are able to achieve a 20% energy usage reduction.

9. Is there a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid off early?

No, there is no prepayment penalty for paying a loan off early. Loans will be structured with a minimum 2-year term and maximum 5-year term.

10. When will be the next round of funding?

It is anticipated that the next round of funding will be opened in 1 year and subsequent rounds of funding will open each year thereafter.

11. Will longer repayment terms be considered?

No, this round of funding is limited to a maximum 5-year term. Longer terms, not exceeding a maximum of 10 years, may be considered on future rounds of funding provided that the revolving loan fund is able to secure additional funds.

Anticipated Schedule:

May 15, 2012 – Issuance of RFA and program documents, after 10:00 a.m. MDT

June 29, 2012 – Issuance of program technical guidebooks, after 10:00 a.m. MDT

July 13, 2012 – Non-Mandatory Letters of Intent and Questions are due by 2:00 p.m. MDT

July 20, 2012 – Official Responses to Questions posted, or as soon thereafter as practical

August 10, 2012 – Applications Due by 2:00 p.m. MDT

Loan Agreement Execution – as soon thereafter as practical

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